

THE REHEARSAL Of Observator, &c.

Of the Art of BULLYING. Of the Character of the Tackers. Of the Moderation of the Church of England.

From Saturday December the 16th, to Saturday December the 23th, 1794.

Country-m. **M**Y old Master Again ! How have I been Cheated this Month past, with a *Rogue* that took thy *Name* ; But he did not *Talk* like *Thee*. The *Church-side* of his *Face* was exactly thy *Phizz*, that I took it for *Thine own self*, when he *Talk'd* of *Religion*, which he *Plac'd* neither in *High* or *Low*, but in *Thy NO Church*.

But the *State-side* of his *Mouth* spoke Quite Different from thy *Faygon*, he was for some *Respect* to be *Paid* to *Princes*, which Thou *Abhors*. And he *Favour'd* not thy *MOBB Original of Government*. But I have *Left* him *off*, and am now *Return'd* to be *THY Rehearser* again. Therefore *Cock* up thy *Face*, and come *Answer* me. For I have some *Perious Questions* to *Put* to *Thee*.

In the first Place, Was it thy *Innocence* or thy *Impudence*, That after thy late *Escape* at thy *Tryal*, thou shoud'st *Immediately Begin* to *Transgress* again ? And thou hast don't in more *Outrageous* and *Provoking* manner than Before, in Putting thy *Name*, even the *Worthy Name* of *John Tuckin* to all thy *Observators* since thy *Tryal*, which thou did'st not do Before : And moreover hast *Own'd* thy self the *Author* of *thy Three Volumes of Observators*. Whereby thou stands Chargeable with All Contain'd in them All. Which is Enough to *Hang a County* ! Was it by *Advice of Council*, or thy own *Hot Head* thou did'st it ?

Obs. By *Advice of Council* ? Ay, of All the Party ! And it is the only *SAFE Method*, as *WE* have *All Resolv'd*. The *Method* and the *Word* now is *Bullying* ! We have *Try'd* it often before this *Time*. And *WE* still *Prevail* by it. As *WE* have *Always* done, whenever it had the *Effect* We *Propose* by it, that is *Frightning*. For then *WE* must *Prevail* !

We have neither *Law*, nor *Reason*, nor *Scripture* on our side. We have been fairly *Beaten* from all these, that we have not a *Word* to *say*.

Therefore We *Bully* with our *Numbers*, and call our selves *LEGION*, for we are *Many* ! And now *More*, as *We* tell in the third *Edition*, with more *Additions*, just now *Publish'd*, to *Hearten* up our *Myrmidons*.

Country-m. If your *Numbers* and *Interest* Prevail in the *Nation*, how is it that you cannot get a *House of Commons*, but what is still *Pressing* this *Occasional Bill* ?

Obs. We are not the *MAJOR Number*, nor the *Half* of it ; And far less have We the *Men of Estates* and *Quality* on our side. But we make *SOME* believe, That *WE* are most in *Number*, because We make most *Noise* ! More than all the *Rest* of the *Nation* ! If *Others* made *Half* so much, or were *Half so Daring*, We shou'd soon be *Run down*, and *Disappear*, as a *Mist* before the *Sun*. And We *Boast*, That it was *OUR Interest* which *Carry'd* it in the *House of Commons* against the *Tacking*.

Country-m. If it had been *YOUR Interest*, *YOU* wou'd have *Carry'd* it against *Bringing in the Bill*, or have thrown it out *YOUR SELVES*. But as the *Bill* was *carry'd* by a *Great Majority*; so many that were for it, were against the *Tacking* of it, That the *Lords* might not *Pretend* any *Force* or *Compulsion* put upon them. And was not this an *HIGH ACT OF MODERATION* ? When did *YOUR Party* ever shew the *Like*, when they thought they had an *Advantage* ?

Obs. Never. And I hope never will. I shou'd *Quit* them, if I saw them once come to *For-sake Principles* ! But *WE* say, That the *Commons* have no *Power* to *Tack*. That the *Lords* have *Voted* against it.

Country-m. I will not meddle with either of their *Rights* or *Privileges*. These are things above my *Understanding*. But I did not *Hear*, that any of the *Commons* were against the *Tacking*, upon that *Head*. And I have *Heard*, that there has been *Tacking* before this, even in the *last GLORIOUS Reign of Liberty and Property* ; as in the *Case* of the *East-India Company*, in the *Resumption* of the *Irish Grants*, &c. And we have an old *saying*, That *What has been*, may be. Therefore, waving the *Point of Power*, We must put this wholly upon their *MODERATION* !

Obs. And *WE* have *Paid* them our *Thanks* for it ! One of my *Seconds*, *JOHN DUNTON*, in his *Athenian Catechism*. N. 17, of *Wednesday* this *December*

December 13. has Publish'd The Character of a TACKER, wherein WE Expose all that Voted for the Tack, to the Justice of the Mobb; We Represent them of Hearts Entirely FRENCH: As Enemies to ENGLAND. As Beasts of Prey, found to be us'd as such, by all TRUE ENGLISH MEN, and Justly excluded from RELIGION and PROPERTY, and to be HANG'D without LAW. And so (he concludes) there's an End of the TACKER.

Country-m. These TACKERS are above 130 of the most Considerable Men in the House. And there's an End of Them! But what will you do with all the Rest, who Voted for the Bill?

Obs. The same way, ALL the same way shall they Go! But WE'LL take them by Parcels. Not All at Once, lest they be too Many for Us! Our Quarrel is the same with them ALL. It is not the Tacking; but the BILL is our Orinance.

Country-m. But is not this Attacking the Privilege of the whole House of Commons? Few things Pass there *Nemine Contradicente*. And if the Minor Number, upon any Division of the House, may be thus Treated, what becomes of their Liberty of Speech, and Freedom of Debate?

Obs. They shall have None, where WE, or the CAUSE is Concern'd! They have this Privilege only against the Crown. But not against US their Constituents and Original! Not against ME, who, (as I said before, and thou hast Rekears'd to me again) have Two Members in that House, Representing my Person! Not against any of my Under-Spur-Leathers, such as John DUNTON, &c!

Have not WE Legion'd and Million'd the House of Commons, after the Last Session all over the Nation, as the Greatest Rogues and Villains upon the Face of the Earth? And now Again, in this very Session. For WE Improve! Have not I put them into my List of Knaves, as thou hast before Rekears'd? And what Harm has come to US? And as soon as this Session is over, thou shall see New Black-Lists, and may-be PICTURES, *Ala-Mode de DUTCH LAND*.

Country-m. But methinks you shou'd have stay'd till the Session was over, before you put out your Character of the Tackers, and your New LEGION, for fear of bringing the Displeasure of the House upon you.

Obs. No. It is the Greater Bullying of that! Since the House of Commons was Legion'd, and that PAPER Hawk'd about the Streets, in the Last Reign, while the House was Sitting, and they took no Notice of it, We have Grown Bolder and Bolder, and Now we think We have them at Mercy! you see JOHN DUNTON Defies them! And I have Expos'd them, till I am out of Breath! They have Learn'd Passive Obedience, and Moderation!

Country-m. But suppose they shou'd order a Prosecution against you or him?

Obs. O, we know how to Manage Prosecutions! They're almost weary of that Trade.

Country-m. Be not too Confident. They may Impeach you if they will.

Obs. Won'd they Won'd. That's the way to Preferment! you know the Party must be Pleas'd! For are not WE Considerable?

Country-m. But not Half so Considerable yet as the Church-party, if they wou'd Exert themselves.

Obs. If the Sky falls, we shall Catch Larks. They Exert themselves! They know not How. They are not Used to That. They are not yet got out of their Non-Resistance LAZINESS. If they wou'd but shew, that it were Possible for them to be Angry or Disoblig'd, then they wou'd be Regarded. And they who cannot be Disoblig'd, are not Worth Obliging. This makes Us the Formidable Party. WE Swear and Bluster. That if WE are not Pleas'd in Every thing, WE'LL Presently Rebells, and set them All through Other! And they know WE make no Bones of That!

Country-m. But we have seen the time when the Church of England Cou'd be Disoblig'd, and shew their Resentments with a Witness!

Obs. Hang 'em. WE Drew them in, and they were Catch'd before they were Aware. They cannot Name Six of all their Bishops or Clergy that were Trusted with the Secrets. We Cajoul'd them, as We do now. That We Intended to go so far, and no further. And when they found themselves in the Snare, they Immediately Cry'd out! The Chief of them Left Us; And the Rest Follow'd Us Trembling! Then they sought to Compound, and said they wou'd Comply so Far, but DECLAR'D they wou'd rather Die than go one Step further. So that WE were forc'd to Drive them, and Ram them their DECLARATIONS Down their Throats. Then We Upbraided them with what they had Done. And told them, they were come over to our Principles, which they had so vigorously Oppos'd BEFORE! And WE Laugh'd at them for it, and Insulted over them, in our New Test of the Church of England's Loyalty, and again of their Honesty, and again of their Christianity. And left them none of the Three.

Country-m. Had all these Left them, because they came over to YOU? But is this the way you Treat your Proselytes? This is small Encouragement for any to come over to YOU.

Obs. We knew they were not Sincere, and were only Forc'd into it. We Dealt with them, after the Example of our Master LEGION, Sooth and Flatter them to Come in to our Circle; And then they are Our Own! We may Do with them what we will! Tear them in Pieces, and Devour them. We observe the JEWISH Proverb, to make as many Proselytes as we Can; But to Trust none of them, to the third Generation.

Do WE not Know Them by our Selves? We know with what Sincerity we go to Church, and and Conform OCCASIONALLY for Places, and what Use WE intend to make of being Let in to Trust, and Power! Even the same WE Ever did! As in the Reigns of Charles I. Charles II. and James II.

Can not ETHIOP Change his SKIN?